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## HOUSE BILL 3502 By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to certain exclusions and restrictions placed on physician referrals.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-602, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (c) thereto:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no agency of the state may impose any exclusion, restriction or penalty on a physician's referrals of patients to receive any health care service, in any program regulated by the state, on account of a potential conflict of interest, except as may be authorized in this section or to the same extent as the exclusion or restriction on a physician's referrals is imposed by federal law. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.